

Hughes Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 11:15 a.m., on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Todd M. Hughes, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit; that there be 30 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S6672**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Cynthia Ann Bashant, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Stanley Allen Bastian, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

Diane J. Humetewa, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Jon David Levy, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine.

Steven Paul Logan, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Douglas L. Rayes, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Manish S. Shah, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

John Joseph Tuchi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

8 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—203) **Page S6634**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:17 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6672.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Deborah Lee James, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force, Jessica Garfola Wright, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Marcel J. Lettre II, of Maryland, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Intelligence, all of the Department of Defense, Frank G. Klotz, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security, who was introduced by former Senator Kent Conrad, and Kevin A. Ohlson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jo Emily Handelsman, of Connecticut, and Robert Michael Simon, of Maryland, both to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress; and

The nominations of Gregory Dainard Winfree, of New York, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation, and Christopher A. Hart, of Colorado, to be a Member, and Deborah A. P. Hersman, of Virginia, to be Chairman and a Member, both of the National Transportation Safety Board.

ALASKA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine wildlife management authority within the State of Alaska under the Alaska National Interest Lands Act and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, after receiving testimony from Gene Peltola, Assistant Regional Director for the Office of Subsistence Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Beth Pendleton, Regional Forester for the Alaska Region, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Craig Fleener, Alaska Department of Fish and Game Deputy Commissioner, and Rosita Worl, Alaska Federation of Natives, both of Juneau; Ana Hoffman, Bethel Native Corporation, Bethel, Alaska; Robert T. Anderson, University of Washington School of Law Native American Law Center, Seattle; and Jerry Isaac, Tanana Chiefs Conference, Fairbanks, Alaska.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Caroline Kennedy, of New York, to be Ambassador to Japan, who was introduced by Senators Gillibrand and Schumer, Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, and Gregory B. Starr, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforming and renewing the postal service, focusing on maintaining services, reducing costs, and increasing revenue through innovation and modernization, including S. 1486, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service, after receiving testimony from Patrick R. Donahoe, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, and David C. Williams, Inspector General, both of the United States Postal Service; Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission; Cliff Guffey, American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO, and Jerry Cerasale, Direct Marketing Association, Inc., on behalf of the Affordable Mail Alliance, both of Washington, D.C.; Jeanette Dwyer, National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, Alexandria, Virginia; John Beeder, American Greetings, Cleveland, Ohio, on behalf of the

Greeting Card Association; and Seth Weisberg, Stamps.com, El Segundo, California.

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting a system of shared responsibility, focusing on issues for reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, after receiving testimony from Paul E. Lingenfelter, State Higher Education Executive Officers, and Marshall A. Hill, National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements, both of Boulder, Colorado; Terry W. Hartle, American Council on Education, Washington, D.C.; and Susan D. Phillips, University at Albany/SUNY, Albany, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 357, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty; and

The nominations of Cornelia T. L. Pillard, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Landya B. McCafferty, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire, Brian Morris, and Susan P. Watters, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Montana, and Jeffrey Alker Meyer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Special Committee on Aging: On Wednesday, September 18, 2013, Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.